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FIELD WORK BEGINS IN VALLEY LOCATIONS

Cool, dry weather allowed for field work across much of the state. Eastern areas reported snow mixed with rain mid-week. Nightly lows continue to dip into the mid twenties and upper teens not allowing for soil temperatures to warm. Precipitation levels in the Treasure Valley have been above normal since March 1, 2000. For the week ending April 2, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week involved planting spring wheat, barley, potatoes, onions, dry peas, oats, lentils and sugarbeets, feeding and caring for livestock, field preparation, sorting and shipping seed potatoes.

CROP REPORT

Adequate precipitation and a mild winter have helped winter wheat conditions. A majority of the states winter wheat is reported in good condition. Planting of spring wheat and barley is progressing normally. Sugarbeet plantings lag behind last year and the five year average. Shipping of seed potatoes is in progress in Eastern areas. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 2% very short, 8% short, 60% adequate and 30% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %		
	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions	40	49	41
Dry Peas	1	11	5
Oats	2	4	5
Potatoes	1	1	1

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	18	66	14
Irr. Water Supply	0	2	13	45	40
Range & Pasture	7	6	30	46	11

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock conditions were reported to be excellent for the week ending April 2. Calving and lambing are progressing well. Calving was 84% complete, and lambing was 87% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 11% very short, 7% short, 77% adequate, and 5% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	4	3	4	65	69	65	55	51	40	10	8	7	20	18	17
Barley															
Planted	8	3	4	40	45	46	38	40	37	3	5	3	13	13	12
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	40	41	40	2	9	9	4	3	4	10	14	17

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 2, 2000 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1 To Date Normal	
North												
Coeur D'Alene	64	28	45	2	64	6	0	0.15	-0.18	0.00	2.74	2.73
Lewiston	63	30	48	1	170	10	0	0.05	-0.21	0.00	1.35	1.15
Sand Point	61	24	42	1	37	1	0	0.15	-0.37	0.00	3.43	2.94
Southwest												
Boise	70	26	47	2	142	12	0	0.02	-0.25	0.00	2.49	1.38
Caldwell	66	28	48	0	169	22	0	0.10	-0.15	0.00	1.51	1.14
Emmett	68	26	45	-1	114	5	0	0.06	-0.22	0.00	1.62	1.37
Mountain Home	66	23	43	-1	93	3	0	0.01	-0.22	0.00	1.45	1.11
Parma	70	28	48	2	145	11	0	0.08	-0.17	0.00	1.46	1.18
Weiser	67	29	47	0	145	10	0	0.13	-0.13	0.00	1.22	1.20
Southcentral												
Buhl	72	27	44	2	78	4	0	0.05	-0.15	0.00	1.18	1.01
Burley	74	25	45	3	96	8	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.27	0.95
Hill City ^{5/}	49	13	--	--	8	0	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.92	1.23
Hagerman	75	23	45	-3	112	12	0	0.05	-0.17	0.00	0.78	1.11
Malta	72	19	43	0	87	12	0	0.02	-0.14	0.00	0.14	0.89
Twin Falls	71	21	44	2	94	7	0	0.88	0.65	0.00	1.64	1.14
East												
Aberdeen ^{5/}	68	32	--	--	24	0	0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.22	0.77
Grace ^{5/}	65	21	--	--	45	8	0	0.16	-0.13	0.00	0.98	1.39
Idaho Falls	65	19	39	1	25	0	0	0.24	0.04	0.00	0.91	0.88
Malad City	68	32	49	9	133	22	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.01	1.19
Pocatello	69	19	41	1	43	0	0	0.01	-0.26	0.00	0.83	1.33
Rexburg	62	19	39	2	22	0	0	0.01	-0.20	0.00	0.24	1.19
Salmon	66	21	43	2	72	6	0	0.06	-0.14	0.00	0.11	0.45

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{2/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	60	42	58	44	52	38	55	38	--	--	59	42	60	46	57	42
Emmett	58	48	57	51	56	49	54	46	57	46	59	47	--	--	57	48
Parma	45	43	47	43	48	44	46	44	44	42	--	--	46	44	46	43
Sandpoint	44	38	46	39	42	38	42	37	44	37	46	37	--	--	44	38
Twin Falls	53	40	53	41	47	38	49	38	50	38	51	38	--	--	51	39

1/ Eight Inch Reading. 2/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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